

“(B) the date of the lessee’s military orders described in paragraph (1)(B) or (2)(B) of subsection (b), as the case may be.

“(2) JOINT LEASES.—A lessee’s termination of a lease pursuant to this subsection shall terminate any obligation a dependent of the lessee may have under the lease.”.

(b) MOTOR VEHICLES LEASES.—

(1) APPLICABILITY TO PCS ORDERS FROM STATES OUTSIDE CONUS.—Subparagraph (B) of subsection (b)(2) of such section is amended by striking “military orders for” and all that follows through “or to deploy” and inserting “military orders—

“(i) for a change of permanent station—

“(I) from a location in the continental United States to a location outside the continental United States; or

“(II) from a location in a State outside the continental United States to any location outside that State; or

“(ii) to deploy”.

(2) DEFINITIONS.—Such section is further amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(i) DEFINITIONS.—

“(1) MILITARY ORDERS.—The term ‘military orders’, with respect to a servicemember, means official military orders, or any notification, certification, or verification from the servicemember’s commanding officer, with respect to the servicemember’s current or future military duty status.

“(2) CONUS.—The term ‘continental United States’ means the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia.”.

(c) COVERAGE OF INDIVIDUAL DEPLOYMENTS.—Subsection (b) of such section is further amended in paragraph (1)(B) and paragraph (2)(B)(ii) (as designated by subsection (b) of this section) by inserting “, or as an individual in support of a military operation,” after “deploy with a military unit”.

TITLE VIII—OTHER MATTERS

SEC. 801. PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS.

Section 7255 is amended by striking “District of Columbia” and inserting “Washington, D.C., metropolitan area”.

SEC. 802. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS RELATING TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS.

(a) RESTORATION OF PRIOR PROVISION RELATING TO CHIEF JUDGE.—Section 7253(d)(1) is amended by inserting after “(1)” the following: “The chief judge of the Court is the head of the Court.”.

(b) CAPITALIZATION AMENDMENTS.—Section 7253(d)(4)(A) is amended by striking “court” in clauses (i) and (ii) and inserting “Court”.

(c) DATE OF ENACTMENT REFERENCE.—Section 7253(h)(4) is amended by striking “the date of the enactment of this subsection” and inserting “December 27, 2001.”.

SEC. 803. EXTENSION OF BIENNIAL REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR.

Section 541(c)(1) is amended by striking “2003” and inserting “2009”.

SEC. 804. AVAILABILITY OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND JUDICIAL REDRESS FOR CERTAIN VETERANS DENIED OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT.

(a) ADMINISTRATIVE REDRESS.—Section 3330a(a)(1) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting “(A)” after “(1)”;

(2) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(B) A veteran described in section 3304(f)(1) who alleges that an agency has violated such section with respect to such veteran may file a complaint with the Secretary of Labor.”.

(b) JUDICIAL REDRESS.—Section 3330b(a) is amended by inserting “, or a veteran de-

scribed by section 3330a(a)(1)(B) with respect to a violation described by such section,” after “a preference eligible”.

SEC. 805. REPORT ON SERVICEMEMBERS’ AND VETERANS’ AWARENESS OF BENEFITS AND SERVICES AVAILABLE UNDER LAWS ADMINISTERED BY SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(a) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to Congress a report setting forth a detailed description of (1) the outreach efforts of the Department of Veterans Affairs, as of the date of the enactment of this Act, to inform members of the uniformed services and veterans (and their family members and survivors) of the benefits and services to which they are entitled under laws administered by the Secretary, and (2) the current level of awareness of those members and veterans (and family members and survivors) of those benefits and services.

(b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) A description of the outreach activities conducted by the Secretary in each of the three Administrations of the Department of Veterans Affairs and outreach activities conducted by other entities within the Department.

(2) The results of a national survey, conducted as described in subsection (c), to ascertain servicemembers’ and veterans’ level of awareness of benefits and services referred to in subsection (a) and whether servicemembers and veterans know how to access those benefits and services.

(3) Recommendations by the Secretary on how outreach and awareness activities to veterans and servicemembers may be improved.

(c) CONDUCT OF SURVEY.—The survey conducted for purposes of subsection (b)(2) shall be conducted in a manner to include a statistically valid sample of persons in each of the following groups:

(1) World War II veterans.

(2) Korean conflict era veterans.

(3) Vietnam era veterans.

(4) Persian Gulf era veterans.

(5) Active duty servicemembers.

(6) National Guard and Reserve members activated under title 10, United States Code.

(7) Family members and survivors.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mrs. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Friday, October 8, 2004, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to consider the nomination of Anna Escobedo Cabral to be United States Treasurer, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Mrs. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Joint Economic Committee be authorized to conduct a hearing in Room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, Friday, October 8, 2004, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

NOTICE: REGISTRATION OF MASS MAILINGS

The filing date for 2004 third quarter mass mailings is Monday, October 25, 2004. If your office did no mass mailings during this period, please submit a form that states “none.”

Mass mailing registrations, or negative reports, should be submitted to the Senate Office of Public Records, 232 Hart Building, Washington, DC 20510-7116.

The Public Records office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the filing date to accept these filings. For further information, please contact the public Records office at (202) 224-0322.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session for the consideration of the following nominations on the Executive Calendar. For the information of Members, these are uniformed military promotions that were reported by the Armed Services Committee. The nominations are 917 through 923, and all nominations on the Secretary’s desk in the Air Force, Army, and Navy. I further ask consent that the nominations be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate’s action, and the Senate then resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

AIR FORCE

The following Air National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grades indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. David A. Brubaker, 0000
Brig. Gen. Annette L. Sobel, 0000

To be brigadier general

Colonel Eugene J. Delgado, 0000
Colonel James J. D’Agostino, 0000
Colonel Charles M. Campbell, 0000
Colonel William S. Busby, III, 0000
Colonel Robert B. Buehler, 0000
Colonel Hugh T. Broomall, 0000
Colonel Michael G. Brandt, 0000

To be major general

Brig. Gen. John M. White, 0000
Brig. Gen. Frank D. Tutor, 0000

To be brigadier general

Colonel Stephen M. Sischo, 0000
Colonel Don E. Reynolds, 0000
Colonel Richard J. Prosek, 0000
Colonel Peter S. Pawling, 0000
Colonel Dennis W. Meneffee, 0000
Colonel James M. Lillis, 0000
Colonel Richard D. King, 0000
Colonel David E. Holman, 0000
Colonel Allison A. Hickey, 0000
Colonel Thomas J. Haynes, 0000
Colonel Donald D. Harvel, 0000
Colonel Steven E. Foster, 0000
Colonel John B. Ellington, Jr., 0000
Colonel Richard G. Elliott, 0000

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Frank Pontelandolfo, Jr., 0000